

### AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 1-20 of the drawings in accordance with the 11 replacement sheets of drawings submitted herewith.

## REMARKS


This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006.

Figs. 1-20 of the drawings have been amended as set forth on the 11 sheets of replacement drawings submitted herewith. The amendments to the drawings involve the replacement of the original reference numerals and lead lines with those of draftsman quality. No new matter has been added by way of the replacement drawings.

In light of the foregoing, the subject amendment and the replacement drawings are submitted to be in condition for acceptance by the Examiner, and action in conformance therewith is courteously solicited.

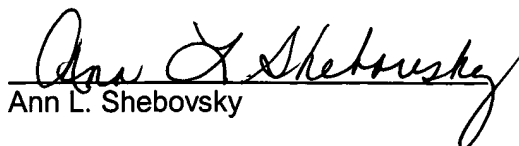
Should any issues in the subject application remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on April 17, 2006.

  
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